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OFF-DUTY LEHI POLICE OFFICER HELPS SAVE LIFE

Lehi Police Officer James Skinner Initiates CPR and Helps Save a Life

Lehi, Utah | February 21, 2014 – Officer James Skinner was off-duty with his family at the local Del Taco Located at 3633 North Thanksgiving Way. While leaving the restaurant Officer Skinner observed a male in obvious medical distress. The male was unresponsive and lying on the pavement. Officer Skinner quickly identified himself to bystanders as a Lehi Police Officer and began assessing the patient's condition.

Officer Skinner immediately initiated CPR and provided vital information to emergency dispatchers. Officer Skinner continued administering aid while Lehi Fire-Medical Personnel responded. Once on scene, medical personnel requested that Officer Skinner continue assisting with chest compressions until the 34-year old patient was loaded onto the ambulance and transported to a local hospital.



Officer James Skinner

Fire Captain Jake Beck, who was on-scene during the incident, wrote in a memo to his command supervisor, "In my opinion, the actions of Officer Skinner were extremely instrumental in bringing this patient back. Without his quick action I doubt this patient's recovery would have been nearly as successful."

Lehi Fire Department Battalion Chief Rick Howard agreed with Captain Beck's assessment, "Officer Skinner's quick actions were instrumental in saving the man's life," said Howard.

Lehi City is grateful to Officer Skinner for his quick action and his professional competence. Officer Skinner represents the great police officers that help make Lehi one of the safest cities in the country.

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